

## BIG REWARD

## IS NOW OFFERED FOR THE MISSING GIRL—ARE LOSING HOPE.

Louisville, Ky., December 16.—With the passage by the city council at a special session tonight of an ordinance authorizing the payment of a reward of \$1,000, the total money now offered for information leading to the recovery of Alma Kellner, who who disappeared a week ago, reached \$3,000. Earlier in the day Frank Fehr, cousin of the Kellners, announced that the father of the missing child had authorized him to offer \$1,000 for information leading to her recovery. This was speedily followed by an offer of \$500 by Governor Wilson on behalf of the state, and another \$500 by Col. John H. Whalen, a Louisville politician.

Today's developments strengthened by statements from relatives of the missing girl, indicated a complete breakdown of all hopes, theories and clues. The hopeful attitude maintained by members of the family has disappeared and the reward offers are regarded by the police as disposing of any possibility that family differences had anything to do with the disappearance of the child.

## WHAT HE SAID ABOUT TAFT.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Representative William Humphrey of Washington called to see President Taft.

"What do you mean, sir, by sending me the message I received?" demanded the President. Mr. Humphrey turned red and the President laughed. Then the story came out.

The Washington Representative called at the White House a few days ago and after waiting in vain two hours to see the President went home. His wife saw that he had a grouse and asked him to tell her his troubles. He did. That night Mrs. Humphrey met the President at a social function.

"I wish you'd tell your husband that I haven't seen him for so long that I am beginning to think he has cut me from his visiting list," the President said to her.

Why he was at the White House yesterday and you didn't see him. He is a little bit angry about it, too," said Mrs. Humphrey.

"He is? Well, what did he say about it?"

"Mr. Humphrey said that if you didn't want to see him you could go to the devil."

President Taft laughed and the next day sent for Mr. Humphrey.

## THE MAN AHEAD.

In almost every newspaper you pick up, you are pretty sure to find a lot of gush about the man behind the counter and the man behind the gun; the man behind the times and the man behind his rent; the man behind the fence, the man behind the whiskers and the man behind his fists, and everything is entered on the list. But they have skipped another fellow about whom nothing has been said—the fellow who pays for what he gets, whose bills are signed. He's a blamed sight more important than the man who is behind. All the editors and merchants and the whole commercial clan are indebted for existence to the honest fellow man. He keeps us all in business and the town is never dead, so we take off our hats to the man who is ahead.—Judge.

## THE EDITOR'S LAMENT.

The following is from a leading newspaper out in North Dakota: "It is reported that one of the fastidious ladies in a neighborhood town kneads bread with her gloves on. This incident may be somewhat peculiar, but there are others. The editor of this paper needs bread with his shoes on. He needs bread with his shirt on. He also needs bread with his pants on, and, unless some of the delinquent subscribers to this 'Old Rag of Freedom' pay up before long, he will need bread without a blamed thing on—and North Dakota is no Garden of Eden in the winter time."

## The Knock-out Blow.

The blow which knocked out Corbett was a revelation to the prize fighters. From the earliest days of the ring the knock-out blow was aimed for the jaw, the temple or the jugular vein. Stomach punches were thrown in to worry and weary the fighter, but if a scientific man had told one of the old fighters that the most vulnerable spot was the region of the stomach, he'd have laughed at him for an ignoramus. Dr. Pierce is bringing home to the public a parallel fact; that the stomach is the most vulnerable organ out of the prize ring as well as in life. We protect our heads, throats, feet and lungs, but the stomach we are utterly indifferent to, until disease finds the solar plexus and knocks us out. Make your stomach sound and strong by the use of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, and you protect yourself in your most vulnerable spot. "Golden Medical Discovery" cures "weak stomach," indigestion, or dyspepsia, torpid liver, bad, thin and impure blood and other diseases of the organs of digestion and nutrition.

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## VEDDAS OF CEYLON.

Wild People Who Lead a Communal Life in Caves.

Of the curious customs observed by the Veddas, or wild people of Ceylon, a traveler writes: "All the men came to meet us and led the way to the caves, which were completely hidden by a thicket. On the rocky platform in front of the cave the men all surrounded us, shouting to their women to come and see their 'white sister-in-law' or 'cousin.' Veddas have always been renowned for their truthfulness, and this reputation we are able to indorse.

"Each community has its own hunting ground and adheres strictly to its own game rights. Upon each hunting ground there are a number of caves and rock shelters, and the families of the community move from one to another throughout the year, as the presence of game, honey, yams or fish demands. The big caves are communal property; the smaller caves usually belong to single families. But even in the communal caves each family has its particular place, in which its members sleep, cook, eat and keep all their belongings.

"Each family respects the privacy of its neighbors' few feet of the cave floor as faithfully as if partition walls existed, only the children roam all over the cave at will. Food, however, seemed to be public property, for one woman would cook food and share it with every one present in the cave. This may probably be explained as follows: The communal caves are situated in common hunting ground. Therefore all the game, yams, iguanas or honey brought in from the common land is the property of the community, not of the man who procures it.

"I have stated that the smaller caves are usually private property. It would probably be more correct to say that Veddas possess private hunting grounds on which very frequently there are small caves, such caves being then the property of the owner of the land. When a man is living in his own cave in the midst of his own hunting ground the produce of the chase would naturally be his own, though shared with any one living with him. Women and children always fared as well as the men, and the former would be fed first in any time of scarcity. Indeed, the dainties were often saved for the children."—Chicago News.

## Pitiable.

"Dreadful" moaned the opera singer, who had been robbed of \$1,000, "why it takes me nearly ten minutes of hard work to earn that much."

## PANAMA HATS.

The Best Are Made From Whole Straw and Are Not Stiffened.

Ecuador is the real home of the hats wrongly designated under the name of "panama." This industry afterward extended to Peru and other countries, even to Yucatan, in Mexico. Everywhere in Latin America the hat is known by the name of "jipijapa," in honor of the city where its manufacture was first started. It is only outside of the producing countries that this hat receives the name of a city which does not make it.

The finest hats are made in Jipijapa and Monte Cristi, in the province of Manabi, this industry being one of the greatest resources of the country. The toquilla, or leaf of a small plant, is used for this purpose. It grows abundantly in the country, the leaves coming up in the shape of a fan. The plant is the *Carludovica palmata*.

There are jipijapas of all qualities, from those costing a few centavos, or American cents, to those worth several hundred sucres, or American dollars. The merit of these last, real marvels of fineness, consists as much in the scarcity of the straw as in the difficulty of weaving, and therefore it is exceptional to find these hats on the general market. The hats of current sale cost a few sucres, the finest not exceeding 50 to 60 sucres in price.

In buying a panama it is necessary to learn two things—if the straw is whole and if it is not stiffened. It is not easy to recognize the first condition. The weavers split the straw with such perfection that unless a person is accustomed to such examinations it is almost impossible for him to distinguish the difference. Of equal fineness, the hat made from whole straw is worth three or four times the one manufactured from the straw that has been split. The second condition is recognized easily, for the hats are stiffened to make the straw firmer and whiter. Good toquilla is white and stiff enough not to need any gum, and only ordinary panamas are stiffened.—Exchange.

## The Work of His Pen.

They were a very literary looking lot save one. He resembled a small farmer rather than anything else. They were talking of their respective achievements in literature. Young Stimson had written a society drama which had run sixty nights and eight matinees. Jones was doing a serial for the Daily Gusber. Smith was hard at work on a novel which was to cause a positively painful sensation. Brown was writing the fashion articles for a ladies' paper. Robinson had a commission to write a volume of "Far Eastern Reminiscences," he never having been farther east than Stratford in his life. "I also make a fine living by my pen," observed the farmer-like individual during a brief pause in the conversation.

"What! You?" came in chorus. "How?"

"You see, I breed pigs!"

Then they all started some other topic of conversation.—London Sketch.

## Where Emeralds Come From.

Colombia, South America, controls the world's market for emeralds as completely as the South African syndicate does for diamonds. It is from the mines high up in the Colombian Andes that most of the emeralds come. The Colombian government has leased its most valuable mines to an English syndicate with the understanding that it is to sell at least \$1,250,000 in emeralds a year for twenty years, giving the government a percentage. The largest and most valuable emerald in the world belongs to the Duke of Devonshire. It is a perfect six sided crystal and weighs nearly nine ounces.—New York American.

## He Departed.

"I wish"—he sighed, gazing ardently into his beloved one's eyes—"I wish I were a star."

"I would rather," she replied dreamily, "that you were a comet."

His heart beat tumultuously against his ribs; his eyes glowed.

"And why?" he asked tenderly, taking her unresisting little hand within his own. "Why?" he repeated imperiously.

"Because," she answered, with a brooding earnestness that fell freezing upon his soul, "then you would come around only once in every fifteen years."—London Fun.

## How He Earned It.

The pompous judge glared sternly over his spectacles at the tattered prisoner who had been dragged before the bar of justice on a charge of vagrancy. "Have you ever earned a dollar in your life?" he asked in fine scorn.

"Yes, your honor," was the response. "I voted for you at the last election."

## A BIT OF ADVICE

First—Don't Delay. Second—Don't Experiment.

If you suffer from backache; headache or dizzy spells; if you rest poorly and are languid in the morning; if the kidney secretions are irregular and unnatural in appearance, do not delay. The kidneys are calling for help. Slight symptoms of kidney trouble are but fore-runners of more serious complaints. They should be given attention before it is too late.

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"Why, what do you mean? That can't be."

"Yes, they are, because I can sit down in my skin, and I can't in these pants."

"I thought you said you told your wife everything you did?"

"I do."

"It's mighty strange. She hasn't said a word to my wife about the \$10 you borrowed from me."

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